(c) how much crude oil was supplied to the refinery during the last three year, year-wise; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to ensure the full supply of crude oil to Barauni Oil Refinery ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (d) The installed capacity of Barauni Refinery is 3.3 million tonnes per annum. The quantity of crude oil refined year-wise is as follows :—

(Figs. in million tonnes)

Year	Crude processed
1990-91	2.42
1991-92	2.26
1992-93	2.29 (Provisional)

There has been an unutilise refining capacity because of short supply of crude oil from North-East. For augmenting supply of crude oil to Barauni Refinery, IOC has submitted a proposal for lying of a crude pipeline from Haldia to Barauni.

Availability of Natural Gas in Western Offshore

1180. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be plesed to state :

(a) what is the total availability of Natural Gas in the country;

(b) what is the availability of Natural Gas in Western Offshore and what is its supply to URAN :

(c) what is the progress in creating second gas terminal at USAR;

(d) by when it will be created; and

(e) what is the demand for Natural Gas from Maharashtra and how much quantity has been supplied ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Approximately 18250 MMSCM of gas was produced in the country in the year 1992-93.

(b) Approximately 13400 MMSCM of gas was produced in the Western Offshore Region and the supplies ex-URAN, were approximately 3850 MMSCM during the year 1992-93.

(c) and (d) The concept of a pipeline from the Western Offshore to the Southern region with a suitable landfall point on the western coast has been approved in principle. Time schedule for implementation will be firmed up only when the concept has been projectised.

(e) Approximately 10 MMSCMD of gas is currently being supplied to units located in Maharashtra which by and large matches the requirements of these units.

Crude Oil Production Cost

1181. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission's cost of crude oil production has been below the international standards, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether oil production per employees is very low as compared to other oil producing countries; if so, what are the reasons thereof; and